THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Officers and staff are posted according to guidelines issued by Government. The election as office-bearer does not necessarily involve a change of posting.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The All India Federation of Income-tax Gazetted Services Associations and Income Tax Employees Federation were directed to withdraw their unauthorised "Parallel Action Plan" and call upon their members to work according to the Action Plan circulated by the Government. All the Chief Commissioners of Income-tax etc. were also asked to bring to the notice of officers and staff the consequences of their failure to work according to the Action Plan of the Government. The "unauthorised Action Plan" was ultimately withdrawn by the two Federations towards the end of February, 1993.

Posting of officials of Income Tax Department Calcutta

186. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a good number of officers and other staff of the Income Tax Department, Calcutta are working in same posts though they are due for transfer; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the number of officers and other staff who are continuing to work in the same place even after promotion to higher pos's and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The officers and staff in the Income Tax Department at Calcutta are generally being transferred at regular intervals in accordance with the transfer guidelines. However, a few employees have been working in the same posts for administrative reasons and local necessity under the exception clause in the guidelines.

(b) A total of 4 officers and 210 other employees have been retained in the same range/office but with higher responsibilities and different job classification.

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा में लिपिक पदों की रिक्तियां

187. **श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा से मार्च, 1994 तक सेवानिवृत्त होने वाले लिपिकों, सिक्का तथा नोट परीक्षकों, टंककों तथा उसी श्रेणी के अन्य कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) उपरोक्त श्रेणियों के ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें इसी अवधि के दौरान पदोन्नत कर दिया जाएगा; और

(ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की दिल्ली शाखा द्वारा सेवानिवृत्तियों तथा पदोन्नतियों के बाद होने वाली रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

World Bank's functioning in India

188. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Lewis Preston the President of the World Bank has expressed his extreme dissatisfaction

with the way the bank has been functioning in India and the results of the bank funded projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have no communication from the President of the World Bank conveying dissatisfaction with the Bank's functioning in India and the results of bank funded project.

Sixth Round Table Conference of the Economists

189. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sixth Round Table Conference of the Economists took place with the Government; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of that conference and what further action Government have taken so far on the recommendations of the conference in connection with foreign investments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A major outcome of the Sixth Round Table is that it would increase the awareness of India's economic reform programme amongst the multinational business community. As part of the on-going economic reforms, Government have already taken several initiatives to promote foreign investment such as automatic permission for foreign equity holdings upto 51 per cent in high priority industries, expeditious clearing of other foreign investment proposals by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, facilities for portfolio investment by Foreign Institutional investors, permission to reputed Indian compaines to float equity abroad and liberalisation of the provisions in the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. Economic Reforms are, however, a continuing process and further measures to attract direct foreign investment would be taken when required.

190. [*Transferred to the 30th April,* 1993].

Activities of the Song and Drama Division in Orissa

191. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the activities of the Song and Drama Division in Orissa as compared to other places in the country;

(b) whether the Division uses registered parties to organise different song/drama/ cultural programmes; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to ensure continuity so as to provide a source of income to artistes etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The Song and Drama Division seeks to inform, educate and entertain the people through the live media, especially folk and traditional media, throughout the country. The Division organises its programmes in all the States through its own troupes as well as private troupes/artists registered with it.

In Orissa, in connection with the 'Orissa Day' as part of Orissa Mahotsav this year, the Division has organised